Mr. K. S. Panicker *(Ezhuvas-Mukundapuram)*: Is there any special officer appointed for this?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: There are 5 Field Officers and one Assistant to the Director of Industries.

Mr. K. S. Panicker *(Ezhuvas-Mukundapuram)*: What is the qualification of this Assistant?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: The Assistant to the Director was an Advocate here, before he was appointed.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: What is meant by saying "special cards for Standard Cloth are issued to those who have not taken ration cards.....". What is the quantity given for a person?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: An adult is issued 12 yards and a child 6 yards. At this rate, the cards were issued.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്". പണിക്കർ: മുകുന്ദപുരം താലൂക്കിൽ രണ്ടുസ്ഥലങ്ങളിൽ മാത്രമേ ഷാപ്പുകൾ തുടങ്ങിക്കാണുന്നുള്ളൂ.

രാമവർമ്മതമ്പുരാൻ: ബാക്കിയുള്ളസ്ഥലങ്ങളിലും അടുത്തുതന്നെ തുടങ്ങുന്നതാണു".

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്". പണിക്കർ: ഏറ്റവും വലിയ താലൂക്കായ മുകുന്ദപുരം താലൂക്കിൽ ഇരിങ്ങാലക്കുടയിൽ മാത്രമേ രണ്ടുഷാപ്പുകൾ തുടങ്ങിയിട്ടുള്ളൂ.

63. മിസ്റ്റർ സി. കെ. നായർ: ഓരോ താലൂക്കിലും, ഏതേതു വില്ലേജുകളിൽ ഏതേതു സ്ഥാപനങ്ങൾവഴി സ്റ്റാൻഡേർഡ്" വസ്ത്രങ്ങൾ വിതരണം ചെയ്യുന്നുണ്ടെന്നു പറയുവാൻ ഗവർമ്മെണ്ടിനു ദയവുണ്ടാകുമോ?

രാമവർമ്മതമ്പുരാൻ: ഗവർമ്മെണ്ടു ന്യായവില ഷാപ്പുകൾവഴിയായും കച്ചവടക്കാർവഴിയായും ആണു" സ്റ്റാൻഡേർഡ്" വസ്ത്രങ്ങൾ വിതരണംചെയ്യുവരുന്നതു". ഫുൾ രസ്സ് ഡിസമ്പർ ഫാംസ്-ക്കു കാണുന്നപ്രകാരമുള്ള ഷാപ്പുകളുടേയും കച്ചവടക്കാരുടേയും പേരുകൾ കാണിക്കുന്ന ഒരു പട്ടിക ഇതിനോടു അനുബന്ധമായി ചേർത്തിരിക്കുന്നു. *(vide Appendix)* പട്ടികയിൽ ഉൾപ്പെടാത്ത സ്ഥലങ്ങളിലും വിതരണം ഉടനെ ആരംഭിക്കുന്നതാണു". ഇതിനു വേണ്ടി ഡയറക്ടർ ആഫ്" ഇൻഡസ്ട്രീസ്സ്" ആൻറ്" കോമേർസ്" കച്ചവടക്കാരെ നിശ്ചയിച്ചുവരുന്നുണ്ടു".

മിസ്റ്റർ വി. കെ. കുട്ടി: ലൈസൻസ്സുള്ള ഷാപ്പുകാർക്കു" കൊടുത്തിട്ടില്ലെ?

Mr. M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: There is objection from merchants themselves of giving this cloth to licensed dealers. They say that the merchants should be excluded as otherwise those who have not got licences will be adversely affected.

Mr. K. S. Panicker *(Ezhuvas-Mukundapuram)*: On what ground did they object?

Mr. M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: The objection is this. If the cloth merchants are given licence they will get preference over other dealers in cloth over the standard cloth, because those who come to buy standard cloth will have custom in the other varieties also.

ALLOWANCES TO THE MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

64. Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether a Bill allowing payment of fixed allowances to the Members of the Council was passed;

(*b*) if so, what action was taken on that Bill?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*:

(*a*) A Bill has been passed by the Council.

(*b*) The Bill has not received the assent of His Highness the Maharaja.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi)*: May I know Sir, whether this Council has got the power to fix what allowance should be paid to the Members as any of the transferred subjects.

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: The Bill has been passed by the House.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi)*: Therefore what I say is like any one of the transferred subjects has not the House full power to fix what allowance should be given to the Members.

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: A Bill on this subject has been passed by this House.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi)*: Then what is the difficulty in paying the allowance.

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Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: The hon'ble member knows as well as I do, in view of answer to sub-division (*b*).

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: May I know, Sir, whether under the provision of the Act the Government have fixed the allowance of the Members till the Council passed the Bill. Now you say a Bill has been passed by the Council. Can you reconcile it.

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: So far, the Government have not noticed anything irregular in that action.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: In section 23 the wording is "Members of the Legislative Council shall be entitled to receive such allowances as may from time to time be determined by an Act of the Legislature, and until provision in that respect is so made, as may be determined by rules under this Act." So this Council made provision by a Bill and submitted it to the Government and up to now nothing has happened.

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: It is not an Act now.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: That does not matter. We can only do thus much. We cannot make you do anything. How can you reconcile the provision in that section and the action taken by you.

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: As I pointed out, no irregularity has been noticed by the Government so far. If the Hon'ble Members consider that there has been any irregularity I submit the Hon'ble Member may put in a specific question on the point.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: May I know whether in the opinion of the Government the Bill passed in this behalf by the Council stands on the same footing as any other Act passed by this Council.

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: That is a matter of opinion.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: On that ground you take shelter. My next question is will the Government be pleased to apply their mind seriously to section 23 and see whether it differs from the other Acts that are passed by this Council which always require the assent of His Highness. This is only a suggestion. I don't want any answer. I want the Government to think for themselves and find out whether there is any difference.

Mr. President: It is not a supplementary question.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: May I know whether the provision made in the Act with reference to the Deputy President and with reference to the Minister referring to the salaries is not identically the same.

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: I want notice.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)*: May I know from the Hon'ble Government Secretary whether it is not the duty of the Government to get the assent of His Highness for the Bill.

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: I don't think any answer is due from me to this question.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur)*: May I know whether the Government cannot give an assurance that this Bill will not receive the assent of His Highness the Maharaja. *(Laughter)*.

JUDGES OF THE HIGH COURT—SUPERANNUATION AGE, ETC.

65. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (*Vadakkancheri*): Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) are Government aware that retired Judges of the High Courts of Madras and Travancore are not allowed to practise after retirement;

(*b*) are Government aware what the superannuation age is for High Court Judges in Travancore and Madras?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon (*Joint Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes; 55 years in Travancore and 60 years in Madras.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi)*: Has the Government received any representation to extend the retiring age of the High Court Judges?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government)*: Yes.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi)*: Has the Government considered about it?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government)*: It is being considered.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi)*: Result?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government)*: Not yet decided.

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